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BOOK REVIEWS.

A TREATISE ON THE CRIMINAL LAW AS NOW ADMINISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES. By EMLIN McCLAIN, A. M. LL. D., Chancellor of the Law Department of the State University of Iowa. Two volumes. Chicago: Callaghan & Co. 1897.

In preparing this book "the controlling purpose has been to state the law for lawyers; and while in so doing it has been deemed of the utmost importance to clearly and succinctly present the general rules relating to the subject as announced by text writers and judges, yet the fact has also been recognized that it is in the application of these general rules, and not in the broad statement of them, that the difficulties arise which lawyers must contend with and courts must settle."

The author has cited a very large number of cases; all cases of general value from the courts of last resort in the United States, and many from the leading English reports. This two-volume treatise will in all probability prove itself to be a real contribution to legal literature. *D. P. H.*

A SELECTION OF CASES ON DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND THE LAW OF PERSONS. By EDWIN H. WOODRUFF, Professor of Law in the College of Law, Cornell University.

This collection of cases by Prof. Woodruff is intended for the use of students of the law of Domestic Relations. The arrangement of the cases is admirable, and there is a very complete table of contents, which is really an excellent and comprehensive analysis of the subject. The type is much larger than in many of the case-books, which fact adds much to its value for students.

The number of cases cited under each division is not very large. That fact, however, does not detract from the value of the book, for those cases cited are well selected and as numerous as the time ordinarily given in the law schools to this course, will permit the student to examine with the care necessary for a proper understanding of the subject. *R. R. F.*

HANDBOOK OF THE LAW OF PRIVATE CORPORATIONS. By WILLIAM L. CLARK, JR., Instructor in Law in the Catholic University of America. St. Paul, Minnesota: West Publishing Co. 1897.

Clark on Corporations is one of the "Hornbook Series." Each chapter begins with a statement of leading principles in the form of a series of propositions, while the body of the chapter is devoted to a discussion of these initial propositions with ample references to judicial decisions. The text is contained in about six hundred and fifty octavo pages, and this limitation of space has made it necessary